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STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

WHEAT:

The four major export countries estimated that, on or about December 1, 1958, they held some 2,369.5 million bushels of wheat for export and carryover, exceeding by 16 per cent the 2,042.5 million available a year ago. Supplies by countries, including on-farm stocks, in millions of bushels, (1957 figures in brackets) were: United States, 1,568.8 (1,115.0); Canada, 725.3 (826.6); Argentine, 59.1 (59.4); and Australia, 16.3 (41.5).

Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from the chief exporting countries during the period August through November 1958 were 285.4 million bushels, down 4.4 per cent from the 298.6 million exported in the same period for 1957. Exports by countries in millions of bushels (1957 figures in brackets) were: United States, 138.1 (131.3); Canada, 98.2 (104.2); Argentine, 28.1 (31.5); and Australia, 21.0 (31.6).

LIVESTOCK:

Canadian exports of livestock to the United States for the period January 1 to 17 (1958 figures in brackets) were: slaughter cattle, 595 (5,246); feeder cattle, 6,213 (22,749); dairy and purebred cattle, 1,039 (2,010); calves 21 (81); hogs, 217 (31); and sheep and lambs, nil (3,331).

Exports of dressed meats (in lbs.) to all countries were: beef, 1,024,000 (6,007,000); pork, 2,838,000 (3,419,000); and mutton and lamb, 42,000 (3,800).

Imports of slaughter cattle from the United States for the period January 17 were 2,502.

DAIRYING:

In the month of December 1958 butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 1,266,000 pounds, an increase of 5.5 per cent over the 1,200,000 pounds received in December 1957. In the period January to December inclusive, receipts were up 6.4 per cent.

POULTRY:

The average number of laying hens in Alberta for December 1958 is estimated at 3,400,000 compared with 4,122,000 in December 1957, a decrease of 17.5 per cent. For the month, production was 14.4 eggs per bird compared with 14.6 a year ago. Total net production of eggs for November decreased from 4,974,000 to 4,057,000 dozen.

FARM DELIVERIES AND INCOME FROM GRAIN IN ALBERTA

BASED ON COUNTRY ELEVATOR RECEIPTS AND PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
Deliveries and Loadings:					- thousands of bushels -			-		
Month of December	10,626	8,784	1,226	701	4,586	4,189	211	36	638	573
January - December	91,016	88,576	17,416	12,072	39,426	43,145	1,208	1,949	5,373	3,731
Estimated Returns per Bushel for Grain Delivered in December	1.08	1.13	0.46	0.42	- dollars per bushel - 0.70	0.71	0.79	0.76	2.93	2.62
Estimated Total Cash Returns:					- thousands of dollars -					
Month of December	11,476	9,926	564	294	3,210	2,974	167	27	1,872	1,500
January - December	98,994	96,991	8,692	3,599	28,692	30,376	1,009	1,607	13,957	10,108
Canadian Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:										
Month of December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January - December	19,896	17,598	-	-	-	2,627	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts from Grain:										
Month of December	11,476	9,926	564	294	3,210	2,974	167	27	1,872	1,500
January - December	118,890	114,949	8,692	3,599	28,692	33,003	1,009	1,607	13,957	10,108

Total Income from Grain including Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:

	1957	1958
Month of December	$ 17,290,000	$ 14,722,000
January - December	$ 171,240,000	$ 164,707,000

LIVE STOCK PRICES IN ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1957

	GOOD BUTCHER STEERS		GOOD FEEDER STEERS		GOOD BUTCHER LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (without bonus)	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Month of December:								
Calgary	18.16	24.20	17.56	23.26	18.76	17.73	23.54	20.50
Edmonton	17.02	23.10	16.52	22.53	19.43	19.20	25.98	20.55
Lethbridge	18.01	23.75	17.54	23.62	18.63	18.17	23.39	20.47
January - December:								
Calgary	17.41	21.72	16.82	21.75	18.84	19.30	27.44	25.00
Edmonton	16.87	20.96	16.04	20.99	19.23	19.92	28.09	25.52
Lethbridge	17.24	21.43	16.89	22.02	18.60	19.31	27.36	25.14

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio*

1933-53	1957	Nov. 1957	Nov. 1958	Dec. 1958
21.5	28.4	24.6	20.7	20.4

* Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lb. of Grade B_1 live hogs at Edmonton prices, plus federal government quality premium.

Live Stock Prices Relationships*

	1933-53	1957	Nov. 1957	Nov. 1958	Dec. 1958
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	79.6	90.4	139.0	145.1
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	96.2	90.6	97.5	113.2	120.6
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	88.1	92.8	122.7	120.3

* Prices of 100 lb. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETING IN ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1957

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	- number of head -							
Receipts of Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:								
Month of December	76,519	59,356	29,728	19,414	16,763	13,267	165,670	232,620
January - December	807,858	824,103	178,583	203,642	163,132	166,526	1,432,157	1,817,755
Shipments to Country Points from Yards & Plants:								
Month of December	12,704	11,740	3,683	5,929	2,171	990	-	-
January - December	126,557	127,783	24,508	46,441	15,728	12,670	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:								
Month of December	63,815	47,616	26,045	13,485	14,592	12,277	165,670	232,620
January - December	681,301	696,320	154,075	157,201	147,404	153,856	1,432,157	1,817,755
Slaughterings at Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of December	2,479	3,383	775	819	247	430	2,285	3,984
January - December	35,677	34,024	12,731	10,185	2,207	3,002	25,784	33,627
Total Net Live Stock Marketings:								
Month of December	66,294	50,999	26,820	14,304	14,839	12,707	167,955	236,604
January - December	716,978	730,344	166,806	167,386	149,611	156,858	1,457,971	1,851,382
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed:								
Month of December	9,222,000	10,276,000	1,633,000	1,050,000	260,000	232,000	6,483,000	7,855,000
January - December	98,518,000	131,743,000	8,508,000	10,764,000	2,617,000	2,979,000	64,943,000	75,799,000

Estimated Total Income from the Sale of Live Stock:

	1957	1958
Month of December	$ 17,598,000	$ 19,413,000
January - December	$ 174,586,000	$ 221,285,000

FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY PRODUCTS (NOVEMBER AND JANUARY-NOVEMBER), AND POULTRY PRODUCTS (DECEMBER AND JANUARY-DECEMBER) FOR ALBERTA - 1957 and 1958

	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	NOVEMBER		JANUARY-NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		JANUARY-NOVEMBER	
DAIRY PRODUCTS:	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	1,538	1,469	25,082	26,717	998	964	15,642	17,476
Dairy Butter	1.8	3.3	51.7	44.6	1	2	29	26
Milk for Cheese Making	1,089	836	19,063	17,061	29	22	467	427
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and for Fluid Cream Sales*	9,862	9,985	137,804	144,388	283	289	3,526	4,057
Milk for Fluid Sales	24,732	24,732	261,469	267,464	1,145	1,150	11,881	12,313
TOTAL VALUE					$ 2,456	2,427	31,545	34,299

* Ice Cream and Fluid Cream Converted to Fluid Milk Basis.

	DECEMBER		JANUARY-DECEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY - DECEMBER	
POULTRY PRODUCTS:*	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
	- dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations	2,120,000	1,562,000	20,166,000	18,918,000	512,000	395,000	5,308,000	4,837,000
	- pounds -							
Poultry Marketed through Registered Stations	5,708,000	5,480,000	18,947,000	21,238,000	1,566,000	1,143,000	4,946,000	4,978,000
TOTAL VALUE EGGS AND POULTRY					$ 2,078,000	1,538,000	10,254,000	9,815,000

* Percent of Marketings Sold Through Registered Stations

	1953	1954	1955	1956
Eggs	55.2	44.6	43.8	42.9
Poultry..,.....	34.8	35.4	41.9	43.1

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DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957

		1 9 5 7 (Jan. - Dec.)	1 9 5 8 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 7 (December)	1 9 5 8 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Flour Mills (7 Firms) -	Gross Sales $.	13,650,468	15,853,762	16.1	1,012,781	1,407,141	38.9
	Production - Centals.	5,295,888	6,266,213	18.3	411,913	533,590	29.5
	Value $.	24,134,841	28,582,188	18.4	1,919,615	2,502,344	30.4
Creamery Butter (1) -	Production Lbs.	32,161,369*	34,326,119*	6.7	1,561,679	1,738,105	11.3
	Value $.	19,155,311*	21,453,824*	12.0	960,433	1,086,316	13.1
Factory Cheese (1) -	Production Lbs.	1,822,272*	1,635,007*	- 10.3	89,395	79,826	- 10.7
	Value $.	654,560*	580,427*	- 11.3	32,093	28,338	- 11.7
Dairy Factories -	Gross Sales $.	39,083,736	41,605,904	6.5	3,290,031	3,455,360	5.0
Packing Plants -	Gross Sales $.	154,152,590*	169,363,267*	9.9	12,233,974	12,064,942	- 1.4
	Production, Meat-Lbs.	400,495,864*	413,896,308*	3.3	33,095,462	31,807,370	- 3.9
	Value $.	109,522,253*	125,188,299*	14.3	8,547,294	8,798,547	2.9
	- Exports Meat-Lbs.	228,626,323	223,386,005	- 2.3	19,326,774	14,906,867	- 22.9
	Value $.	62,512,145	67,717,967	8.3	4,992,106	4,123,239	- 17.4
Margarine Sales -	Lbs.	8,530,724	9,739,921	14.2	762,311	862,032	13.1
	Value $.	2,508,072	2,773,261	10.6	220,699	238,788	8.2

* Revised.

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957

			1957 (Jan. - Dec.)	1958 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1957 (December)	1958 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal (1)	Production	Tons.	3,155,354	2,519,939	- 20.1	336,172	382,807	13.9
		Value $.	17,287,229	12,778,111	- 26.1	1,717,942	1,991,463	15.9
Salt	Production	Tons.	46,450	55,830	20.2	4,711	4,823	2.4
Petroleum Products Refined -	Gross Sales	$.	158,411,050	164,732,189	4.0	11,383,157	12,818,360	12.6
Propane	Production	Barrels.	1,111,355	1,032,697	- 7.1	91,456	138,267	51.2
	Sales	Barrels.	965,554	958,268	- .8	86,918	137,269	57.9
Butane	Production	Barrels.	746,312	665,134	- 10.9	49,895	97,818	96.0
	Sales	Barrels.	399,374	620,634	55.4	46,927	85,003	81.1
Sulphur	Production	Tons.	100,705	122,327	21.5	11,347	18,227	60.6
	Sales	Tons.	93,327	92,171	- 1.2	6,551	3,978	- 39.3
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	3,340,589	3,409,610	2.1	80,890	82,874	2.5
Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	7,870,774	10,230,999	30.0	371,152	787,964	112.3
Cement	Production	Barrels.	3,362,343	3,632,287	8.0	67,559	65,522	- 3.0
		Value $.	8,703,344	9,566,285*	9.9	171,542	163,805	- 4.5
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	910,369	976,091	7.2	59,939	64,717	8.0
	Production	Tons.	41,948*	45,801*	9.2	2,588	2,625	1.4
		Value $.	599,350*	672,418*	12.2	35,563	37,022	4.1

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

(*) Adjustment.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING N O V E M B E R 30, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957

		1 9 5 7 (Jan. - Nov.)	1 9 5 8 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1 9 5 7 (November)	1 9 5 8 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Petroleum - Crude (1)	Production-Barrels.	128,544,831*	102,126,372*	- 20.6	8,424,025	9,396,121	11.5
	Value of Sales $.	335,219,071	256,260,825*	- 23.6	21,605,685	22,792,084	5.5
Natural Gas (1)	Production - M.C.F.	218,648,250	260,004,339	18.9	23,186,310	29,763,926	28.4
Natural Gasoline & Naphtha (1)	Production-Barrels.	886,942	860,866	- 2.9	80,771	112,776	39.6
	Value of Sales $.	2,470,766	2,467,200	- .1	213,024	307,217	44.2
Petroleum - Crude (2)	Imports - Barrels.	1,330,879	1,048,083	- 21.2	72,048	98,556	36.8
	Exports - Barrels.	112,591,019	80,984,220	- 28.1	6,717,569	7,810,435	16.3
Petroleum Products Refined (2)	Production-Barrels.	22,114,506	20,919,063	- 5.4	1,946,017	1,757,020+	- 9.7
	Imports - Barrels.	255,353	478,100	87.2	17,642	41,673	136.2
	Exports - Barrels.	5,125,457	5,218,838	1.8	467,010	452,924	- 3.0

(*) Amended

(1) Source: Oil and Gas Conservation Board.
(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

(+) Composed of 1,045,265 bbls. gasoline; 437,452 bbls. diesel fuel; 10,399 bbls kerosene; 263,904 bbls. other fuel and miscellaneous products.

GENERAL STATISTICS - ALBERTA, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957

		1957 (Jan. - Nov.)	1958 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1957 (November)	1958 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Bank Debits (1)	Value $.	12,703,697,000	12,219,055,000	- 3.8	1,074,496,000	1,097,845,000	2.2
New Motor Vehicles - Gross Sales (2)	No.	41,608	37,468	- 10.0	2,365	2,954	24.9
	Value $.	125,344,000	115,726,000	- 7.7	7,119,000	9,236,000	29.7
		1957 (Jan. - Dec.)	1958 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1957 (December)	1958 (December	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Forestry (Crown Lands) - Production Lumber-ft.b.m.		353,000,000	330,000,000	- 6.5	25,000,000	45,000,000	80.0
	Value $.	14,100,000	13,200,000	- 6.4	1,000,000	1,800,000	80.0
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products	$.	18,100,000	17,000,000	- 6.1	1,500,000	2,300,000	53.3
Fur (Wild Life)	No. of Pelts.	1,079,120	1,253,573	16.2	182,121	150,036	- 17.6
	Value $.	981,071	1,165,150	18.8	147,197	113,184	- 23.1
Life Insurance Sales	$.	305,004,000	323,563,000	6.1	26,051,000	29,890,000	14.7
Custom's Duty Receipts	$.	19,768,807	19,610,124	- .8	1,210,581	1,405,264	16.1
Electricity - Net Generated (3)	K.W.Hrs.	2,339,981,000	2,607,006,000	11.4	222,653,000	265,801,000	19.4
		1957 (Jan. - Nov.)	1958 (Jan. - Nov.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1958 (January)	1959 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Bank Clearings	Calgary $.	5,233,221,215	5,587,601,641	6.8	449,578,257	497,148,573	10.6
	Edmonton $.	2,310,121,028	2,313,536,430	.1	184,759,776	181,921,386	- 1.5
	Lethbridge $.	245,176,710	251,799,472	2.7	20,841,950	20,208,715	- 3.0
	Medicine Hat $.	105,454,660	114,425,372	8.5	8,154,216	9,502,057	16.5
	Red Deer $.	90,757,422	105,078,117	15.8	7,581,786	8,399,554	10.8
	Grande Prairie $.	42,611,835	41,661,103	- 2.2	3,227,435	3,156,855	- 2.2
	T O T A L $.	8,027,342,870	8,414,102,135	4.8	674,143,420	720,337,140	6.9

(1) Source: Cheques cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 36, No. 11, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: New motor Vehicles Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. 30, No. 11, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: Electric Power Statistics, Vol. 26, No. 12, 1958, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957

		1957 (Jan. - Dec.)	1958 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1957 (December)	1958 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BUILDING PERMITS:				%			%
CALGARY	Value $.	56,051,487	101,564,471	81.2	3,019,564	8,374,529	177.3
EDMONTON	Value $.	64,344,758	72,516,944	12.7	1,526,642	2,891,602	89.4
LETHBRIDGE	Value $.	4,931,459	7,784,009	57.8	318,950	483,657	51.6
MEDICINE HAT	Value $.	3,691,170	5,611,825	52.0	130,000	417,550	221.2
RED DEER	Value $.	3,231,731	4,721,733	46.1	58,335	98,175	68.3
DRUMHELLER	Value $.	183,945	212,675	15.6	-	4,200	-
WETASKIWIN	Value $.	754,825	548,550	- 27.3	30,000	600	- 98.0
CAMROSE	Value $.	1,277,298	1,247,250	- 2.4	52,700	1,000	- 98.1
GRANDE PRAIRIE	Value $.	2,455,040	1,577,998	- 35.7	2,950	38,250	1196.6
LLOYDMINSTER	Value $.	876,639	871,080	- .6	4,280	600	- 86.0
TOTAL (10 CITIES)....PERMITS.....	NUMBER	15,282	18,270	19.6	494	792	60.3
	VALUE $.	137,798,352	196,656,535	42.7	5,143,421	12,310,163	139.3
TOTAL (167 MUNICIPALITIES)	VALUE $.	36,158,000	61,834,579	71.0	2,143,052	3,529,421	64.7
CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)							
RESIDENTIAL	Number	3,933	8,349	112.3	208	625	200.5
	Value $.	61,340,200	99,691,900	62.5	5,988,700	7,234,500	20.8
BUSINESS	Number	731	876	19.8	50	71	42.0
	Value $.	64,517,500	83,002,500	28.7	1,329,300	7,706,100	479.7
INDUSTRIAL	Number	67	87	29.9	5	6	20.0
	Value $.	7,742,500	5,319,900	- 31.3	119,100	140,000	17.5
ENGINEERING	Number	267	263	- 1.5	9	15	66.7
	Value $.	45,629,800	69,731,100	52.8	266,500	1,830,600	586.9
TOTAL	NUMBER	4,998	9,575	91.6	272	717	163.6
	VALUE $.	179,230,000	257,745,400	43.8	7,703,600	16,911,200	119.5

(1) Source: Building Reporter Section, MacLean Building Guide, January, 1959, Published by Hugh C. MacLean Publications.
(Based on information collected by MacLean Building Reports)

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1958, WITH TWELVE MONTH FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

	1957 (Jan. - Dec.)	1958 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1958 (January)	1959 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	No.	No.	%	No.	No.	%
Banff	725,358	815,927	12.5	22,853	24,717	8.2
Elk Island	183,662	219,456	19.5	1,200	2,250	87.5
Jasper	334,357	352,727	5.5	6,646	5,629	- 15.3
Waterton Lakes	302,872	365,188	20.6	-	-	-
TOTAL	1,546,249	1,753,298	13.4	30,699	32,596	6.2

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957

	1957 (Jan. - Dec.)	1958 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc.or (-) Dec.	1957 (December)	1958 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	No.	No.	%	No.	No.	%
Aden	457	407	- 10.9	49	31	- 36.7
Carway	24,502	21,151	- 13.7	404	315	- 22.0
Chief Mountain	13,359	13,926	4.2	-	-	-
Coutts	31,616	30,072	- 4.9	1,995	1,624	- 18.6
Del Bonita	2,730	2,677	- 1.9	211	201	- 4.7
Wild Horse	1,300	1,364	4.9	48	41	- 14.6
TOTAL	73,964	69,597	- 5.9	2,707	2,212	- 18.3

(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957

	1957 (Jan. - Dec.)	1958 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1957 (December)	1958 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES:	$	$	%	$	$	%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	126,133,788	119,400,558	- 5.3	9,530,258	12,154,146	27.5
Boots and Shoes	4,531,657	4,480,251	- 1.1	223,836	249,255	11.4
Drugs	12,244,865	13,358,957	9.1	871,017	1,152,198	32.3
Dry Goods	15,148,131	15,429,934	1.9	736,434	980,301	33.1
Electrical Appliances and Radios	67,615,754	67,788,829	.3	5,040,637	5,644,110	12.0
Florists	1,335,855	1,492,061	11.7	163,849	188,584	15.1
Furniture	4,400,026	4,334,713	- 1.5	373,731	448,418	20.0
Groceries (Including Fruits and Vegetables)	194,100,457	210,363,297	8.4	16,473,168	17,571,682	6.7
Hardware	77,676,659	79,642,668	2.5	4,737,088	5,157,325	8.9
Jewellery and Silverware	760,581	760,108	- .1	129,299	123,904	- 4.2
Lumber and Building Supplies	62,082,413	70,165,385	13.0	3,952,916	4,649,439	17.6
Machinery, Agricultural	41,716,287	47,244,106	13.3	588,547	1,502,392	155.3
Machinery, Other	23,178,151	21,458,131	- 7.4	1,018,018	1,319,431	29.6
Paints and Varnishes	10,931,837	11,570,505	5.8	514,098	624,584	21.5
Paper	12,088,165	12,774,954	5.7	870,832	1,028,864	18.1
Tobacco	22,765,076	23,269,865	2.2	2,172,515	2,383,596	9.7
Oilfield Supplies	23,846,819	20,342,795	- 14.7	1,323,248	1,808,221	36.7
Carbonated Beverages	14,210,216	14,679,765	3.3	1,404,800	1,456,512	3.7
Miscellaneous	83,320,213	85,504,303	2.6	5,873,196	6,875,263	17.1
TOTAL	798,086,950	824,061,185	3.3	55,997,487	65,318,225	16.6
LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	165,104,669	179,643,721	8.8	11,532,397	13,725,148	19.0
Edmonton	197,945,717	200,959,102	1.5	12,503,145	13,884,245	11.0
Lethbridge	18,845,886	21,118,864	12.1	1,496,338	1,343,558	- 10.2
Medicine Hat	2,218,682	2,391,622	7.8	254,997	314,558	23.4
Red Deer	5,291,442	5,936,213	12.2	222,434	626,938	181.9
Smaller Centres	7,612,155	8,356,036	9.8	396,025	504,492	27.4
Major Cities - Not distributable by location	401,068,399	405,655,627	1.1	29,592,151	34,919,286	18.0
TOTAL	798,086,950	824,061,185	3.3	55,997,487	65,318,225	16.6

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER, 1958, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1957

	1957 (Jan. - Nov.)	1958 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1957 (November)	1958 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE:	1,090,134,000	1,114,874,000	2.3	100,762,000	106,459,000	5.7
Grocery and Combination Stores	162,390,000	174,940,000	7.7	16,030,000	16,343,000	2.0
Other Food and Beverage Stores	58,048,000	61,725,000	6.3	5,583,000	5,903,000	5.7
General Stores	52,796,000	55,920,000	5.9	5,008,000	5,358,000	7.0
Department Stores	119,636,000	131,517,000	9.9	14,545,000	16,160,000	11.1
Variety Stores	12,794,000	13,310,000	4.0	1,437,000	1,562,000	8.7
Motor Vehicle Dealers	236,756,000	213,399,000	- 9.9	16,486,000	16,387,000	- .6
Garage and Filling Stations	67,616,000	67,922,000	.5	5,302,000	5,974,000	12.7
Men's Clothing Stores	19,687,000	19,632,000	- .3	2,046,000	2,207,000	7.9
Family Clothing Stores	12,353,000	12,899,000	4.4	1,359,000	1,538,000	13.2
Women's Clothing Stores	18,827,000	18,305,000	- 2.8	1,995,000	1,795,000	-10.0
Shoe Stores	6,888,000	7,178,000	4.2	613,000	725,000	18.3
Hardware Stores	34,744,000	37,379,000	7.6	3,510,000	4,003,000	14.0
Lumber and Building Materials Dealers	50,540,000	51,971,000	2.8	5,117,000	5,380,000	5.1
Furniture, Appliances, Radio Stores	36,645,000	39,268,000	7.2	4,130,000	4,020,000	- 2.7
Restaurant	38,608,000	39,646,000	2.7	3,327,000	3,227,000	- 3.0
Fuel Dealers	770,000	765,000	- .6	106,000	143,000	34.9
Drug Stores	24,166,000	25,141,000	4.0	2,128,000	2,197,000	3.2
Jewellery Stores	5,694,000	5,850,000	2.7	714,000	741,000	3.8
Miscellaneous	131,176,000	138,107,000	5.3	11,326,000	12,796,000	13.0

Source: Retail Trade, Vol. 30, No. 11, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

LABOUR REVIEW

Employment, though experiencing the usual seasonal decline, held up relatively well in December on the prairies. The estimated number of persons with jobs was 988,000 at December 13, 1958, 21,000 higher than the year before. There was a decrease of some 13,000 from November, but this was only about half the decline that occurred in the same month of the two previous years. While the non-farm decline was comparable to last year's, in agriculture it was considerably less than half as large.

In the first half of December, strong Christmas sales added buoyancy to trade and transportation employment. The usual construction decline was most noticeable in general engineering, but its severity was mitigated by a record level of house building and generally favourable weather. Consequently, about 10 per cent more were employed in construction than a year earlier. A high level of activity in beverages and food processing, including a particularly heavy live-stock run contributed strength to general manufacturing in which only sporadic cutbacks were evident.

CALGARY (metropolitan). Remained in the moderate surplus group. A very high rate of construction, with building permits for the year almost double the figure for 1957, was instrumental in maintaining employment. Some scattered shortages of skilled personnel such as nurses and mechanics existed.

EDMONTON (metropolitan). Was reclassified to the substantial surplus group. An increase in the surplus of construction workers was most marked and there was some reduction of staff in steel milling and aircraft plants. Registrations of men at the local office of the National Employment Service were appreciably down from last year, but registrations of female sales, clerical and service workers were higher. Employment in foresrry was improved.

SMALLER PRAIRIE CENTRES. Road construction and repair, of significant effect on employment in the Prairies, and most kind of farm work have come to a standstill. Few alternative opportunities for labour exist in the smaller centres.

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 59, No. 1, January, 1959.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, and any other bonuses made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situation at the 1st of November, 1958, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA*, BY INDUSTRIES

At N O V E M B E R 1, 1958, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1957

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Nov. 1 1957	Nov. 1 1958	Nov. 1 1957 $	Nov. 1 1958 $	Nov.1 1958
Mining	143.5	125.4	94.13	98.27	19,194
Coal	33.0	23.9	72.97	74.01	1,928
Oil	297.5	266.3	96.97	100.87	15,805
Manufacturing	154.6	155.9	70.88	75.24	31,486
Foods and Beverages	130.4	128.5	68.61	71.47	9,447
Meat Products	135.3	136.1	76.26	79.32	4,302
Wood Products	116.5	114.2	55.59	60.02	3,087
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	128.7	134.8	67.07	71.58	1,472
Iron and Steel Products	180.2	194.5	75.26	80.54	3,406
Transportation Equipment	157.2	142.7	68.56	71.80	4,158
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	145.6	168.4	67.05	75.45	2,688
Products of Petroleum and Coal	192.4	184.0	95.53	102.58	1,811
Construction	200.2	213.8	71.99	81.25	24,023
Buildings and Structures (k)	221.6	243.2	75.06	85.53	15,423
Highways, Bridges and Streets	173.2	175.8	67.03	73.56	8,600
Transportation, Storage, Communication	131.5	124.6	73.27	76.90	26,030
Steam Railways	103.9	90.1	72.42	75.24	12,101
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	175.3	174.0	76.30	79.62	4,452
Storage	115.0	116.2	62.67	63.60	2,651
Trade	162.6	166.2	59.02	60.25	33,861
Wholesale	158.0	156.3	68.60	71.49	11,210
Retail	165.1	171.5	54.14	54.69	22,651
Service	151.9	161.8	45.18	46.11	9,577
Hotels and Restaurants	133.7	138.8	42.26	42.79	5,587
Industrial Composite	155.3	154.4	70.19	73.85	157,153

* Including Northwest Territories.

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.

(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.

(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, November, 1958
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (Continued)

Employment, and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries

At N O V E M B E R 1, 1958, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1957

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Nov. 1 1957	Nov. 1 1958	Nov. 1 1957 $	Nov. 1 1958 $	Nov.1 1958
CALGARY:					
Manufacturing	135.5	137.9	71.99	77.25	10,145
Foods and Beverages	128.7	125.3	71.94	75.55	3,119
Transportation Equipment	138.1	131.0	68.75	74.47	2,396
Construction	211.2	262.5	68.55	78.71	5,300
Wholesale Trade	138.1	132.9	68.07	71.24	4,382
Retail Trade	159.1	171.8	55.74	55.34	8,608
Industrial Composite	159.9	164.5	65.62	68.47	40,264
EDMONTON:					
Manufacturing	176.4	176.3	71.89	75.76	13,379
Foods and Beverages	133.5	131.0	72.32	74.46	4,001
Meat Products	135.7	134.5	75.91	77.89	2,732
Construction	216.4	217.4	77.45	84.06	8,608
Wholesale Trade	186.1	188.6	68.37	70.03	4,924
Retail Trade	176.5	175.7	53.99	55.23	10,026
Industrial Composite	187.2	187.3	66.14	69.54	48,062

Source: Employment and Payrolls, November, 1958.
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At N O V E M B E R 1, 1958, as Compared with Corresponding Date in 1957

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Nov. 1 1957	Nov. 1 1958	Nov. 1 1957 ¢	Nov. 1 1958 ¢	Nov. 1 1957 $	Nov. 1 1958 $	Nov. 1 1958
Coal Mining	36.0	35.8	199.7	201.6	71.89	72.17	1,458
Oil and Natural Gas Production	41.4	40.3	213.2	215.5	88.26	86.85	5,143
Manufacturing	39.7	40.6	170.4	175.6	67.65	71.29	21,686
Foods and Beverages	39.7	39.5	162.4	172.0	64.47	67.94	6,482
Meat Products	40.2	38.9	180.9	193.6	72.72	75.31	3,105
Transportation Equipment	38.9	40.3	172.5	172.1	67.10	69.36	3,246
Building and Structures (h)	38.3	41.2	187.8	201.5	71.93	83.02	11,434
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	40.0	40.6	168.8	178.5	67.52	72.47	2,270
Services (j)	38.1	38.5	101.3	104.4	38.60	40.19	5,562

Source: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, November, 1958
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; services incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; launderies; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.